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AUGUST 31

CG III MAF PASS AMCONSUL DANANG 125 FOR POLAD FRANCIS

1. REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY LEADER HA THUC KY TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 30 HE EXPECTED PARTY MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS TO WIN 15 SEATS IN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND SPECULATED THAT DAI VIETS AND CATHOLICS TOGETHER COULD MOUNT COALITION OF PERHAPS 30 DEPUTIES. KY SAID DAI VIETS ORIGINALLY HAD HOPES OF WINNING 20 SEATS BUT HAD SEEN SOME OF THEIR CANDIDATES DISQUALIFIED.

2. IN KEEPING WITH PARTY TRADITION OF SECRECY, KY DID NOT WANT TO SPECIFY HOW MANY CANDIDATES DAI VIETS HAD RUNNING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED DAI VIET MEMBERSHIP OR SYMPATHY

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OF CANDIDATES WE HAVE SO FAR IDENTIFIED BUT AVOIDED NAMING OTHERS, SAYING ONLY THAT THEY WERE RUNNING IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

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3. KY HIMSELF PLANNED TO LEAVE IN A DAY OR TWO FOR HUE, WHERE HE EXPECTED TO REMAIN THROUGH ELECTION DAY TO ASSIST PARTY CANDIDATES. THEY INCLUDE HIS BROTHERINLAW (IN THUA THIEN) AND TWO FELLOW-MEMBERS OF PARTY' CENTRAL COMMITTEE (IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THEIN).

4. KY DISMISSED RIVAL TAN (NEW) DAI VIET FACTION AS VIRTUALLY IMPOTENT,, AND SAID IT HAD NO CANDIDATES.

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5. TURNING TO THE BUDDHISTS, K[illegible]ESSED DOUBT THAT BOYCOTT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE, EVEN IN I[illegible] IN FACE OF GVN EFFORTS TO GET OUT THE VOTE. REFERRING T[illegible]ICH TRI QUANG'S SUPPOSED SELF-IMMOLATION PLAN OF AUGUST 27, KY SAID LAUGHLINGLY THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HONORED TO LIGHT THE MATCH. HE DISMISSED THE INCIDENT, HOWEVER, AS "MALADROIT" GVN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT TRI QUANG.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF KY'S FREQUENT RESORT TO HYPERBOLE WHEN DESCRIBING STRENGTH OF HIS PARTY, PREDICTION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESERVE.

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